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SUBJ: TRINIDAD SUGAR SHIPMENTS DURING 1975

REF: STATE 279327

1. FORECASTS FOR SUGAR PRODUCTION IN TRINIDAD DURING 1975 VARY FROM 218,000 (MINAG) TO 220,000 LONG TONS (TADE ASSOCIATION). 50,000 LT WILL BE RESERVED FOR LOCAL AND CARICOM MARKETS. TRINIDAD'S SHARE TO LATTER WILL BE DETERMINED BY SUGAR ASSOCIATION OF THE CARIBBEAN (SUCCESSOR TO WISA) PARTNERS MEETING IN GEORGETOWN JANUARY 30-31.

2. TRINIDAD HAS NO LONG-TERM CONTRACTS, CONTRARY TO REPORT INDICATED REFTTEL. IN NOVEMBER, GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED CARONI, LTD. ANNOUNCED TWO SALES FROM 1975 PRODUCTION. THE FIRST COMMITS 12,000 LT DELIVERED BY MARCH AT TT\$2,817 PER TON AND THE SECOND FOR 12,000 LT FOR DELIVERY BY APRIL AT TT\$3,058 PER TON. PURCHASER IS TATE AND LYLE BUT ULTIMATE DESTINATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN DISCLOSED.

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3. INDUSTRY HAS NOT YET SET MARKETING POLICY FOR REMAINING

145,000 LT AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT AND HAS ADOPTED WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE. SALES TO UK-EEC DEPENDENT ON WHAT LOCAL CONTACT DESCRIBES AS A PROPER PRICE. SOME HEDGING THROUGH SALES ON WORLD MARKET AT ATTRACTIVE PRICES CAN BE ANTICIPATED.

4. INDUSTRY OFFICIALS ARE AWARE THAT EXPORT PERFORMANCE DURING COMING YEAR WILL PROBABLY BE TAKEN INTO FUTURE CONSIDERATION SHOULD US AGAIN LEGISLATE COUNTRY IMPORT QUOTAS. TRINIDAD'S PRIMARY INTEREST IS IN HAVING A PERMANENT OR LONG TERM QUOTA ACCESS TO US MARKET, WHICH OVER THE LONG TERM HAS YIELDED BETTER RETURNS THAN OTHER MARKETING ARRANGEMENTS. ON THIS BASIS, CURRENT BEST GUESS IS THAT 70,000 LT WILL BE SHIPPED TO US IN 1975.  
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